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Dear Sir or Madame:

This letter seeks clarification regarding your November 1, 2018 request for agency records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552. Your electronic FOIA request was received by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) FOIA Office on November 2, 2018. Because you are seeking records potentially created and/or maintained by the Midwest Biological Research Foundation, a non-Federal organization, your request was referred to the VHA component in the same geographic area as the Midwest Biological Research Foundation.

Your FOIA requests seeks records pertaining to an individual (Rebecca Lynn Brewer). For VA to process your request we must receive a signed FOIA request letter, and a valid HIPAA Authorization signed by Rebecca Lynn Brewer or her legal representative. Please note we cannot accept a digital signature, but a scanned image of a handwritten signature is acceptable for both the FOIA request letter and the valid HIPAA authorization.

Please submit the requested signed documents to:

FOIA Officer
VA Heartland Network
1201 Walnut Street, Suite 800
Kansas City, MO 64106
E-mail: VISN15.FOIA@va.gov

In accordance with VA's implementing regulations, found at 38 C.F.R. § 1.554(d)(4), I am providing you with 30 calendar days to provide clarification on your request. If I have not heard from you by January 12, 2019, I will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing your request and will take the appropriate measures to administratively close your request. Please keep in mind that the timeframe, which we have to respond to your FOIA request does not run while we are waiting your response to our request for clarification.

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Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (816) 701-3009 or by e-mail at VISN15.FOIA@va.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Hughes".

Laura Hughes
HIMS, Privacy/FOIA Officer
VA Heartland Network